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SUBJECT:SADAT'S REQUESTS CONCERNING ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE
TIMES
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1. FOR CAIRO: PLEASE GET IN TOUCH WITH MUBARAK AND CONVEY
FOLLOWING TO HIM WITH RESPECT TO SADAT'S REQUESTS REPORTED
REFTEL.

2. SADAT'S SUGGESTION THAT HE ARRIVE CAMP DAVID SEPT. 4,
TWO DAYS BEFORE TALKS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN, WOULD FRANKLY
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CAUSE DIFFICULTIES FOR US. PLANNING FOR TALKS IS NOW WELL
ADVANCED BASED ON SEPT 6 STARTING DATE WHICH AS EGYPTIANS
WILL RECALL WAS CHANGED FROM THE ORIGINALLY CONTEMPLATED
STARTING DATE OF SEPT. 5 AT SADAT'S REQUEST. ONE PROBLEM
IS THAT VICE PRES. MONDALE, WHO IS COUNTING ON ATTENDING
TALKS, IS EXPECTED TO REPRESENT THE U.S. AT PAPAL CORONA-
TION AND WOULD HAVE DIFFICULTY GETTING BACK IN TIME FOR

EARLIER STARTING DATE. PRESENT PLAN IS THAT PRESIDENT WILL ARRIVE AT CAMP DAVID PRIOR TO ARRIVAL SADAT AND BEGIN AFTER-NOON OF SEPTEMBER 5 SO AS TO BE ABLE TO WELCOME HIS TWO GUESTS. IT WOULD BE AWKWARD FOR SADAT TO ARRIVE THERE BEFOREHAND, AND WE HOPE VICE PRESIDENT CAN DISSUADE HIM FROM THIS IDEA.

3. FYI: IF MUBARAK SUGGESTS SADAT MIGHT WISH TO COME EARLY STAYING EITHER IN WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK UNTIL HE GOES TO CAMP DAVID WE ARE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN A POSITION TO SAY NO, SINCE BEGIN HAS ALREADY DECIDED TO DO THIS. BUT YOU SHOULD TRY TO DISSUADE MUBARAK IF THIS IDEA COMES UP. PRESENCE OF BOTH FOR TWO DAY PERIOD PRIOR TO OPENING OF TALKS WILL MAKE IT HARD FOR EITHER TO RESIST PRESS CONTACT COMMENTING ON OTHER'S POSITIONS UNFAVORABLY OR FORESHADOWING WHAT HE INTENDS TO PUT FORWARD AT TALKS, WHICH CAN ONLY MAKE TALKS THEMSELVES MORE DIFFICULT. BEGIN HAS TOLD US THAT HE INTENDS TO USE HIS TWO DAYS TO REST AND WILL NOT BE HAVING ANY CONTACT WITH PRESS, U.S. OFFICIALS OR CONGRESSMEN, AND WE WILL DO OUR BEST TO GET HIM TO ADHERE TO THIS. END FYI.

4. WITH RESPECT TO SADAT'S DESIRE TO STAY ON IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS AFTER TALKS, YOU SHOULD SAY THIS POSES NO REPEAT NO PROBLEM FOR US. WE ASSUME BEGIN ALSO MAY DECIDE TO STAY ON BRIEFLY AFTER TALKS END.

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5. FOR TEL AVIV: YOU SHOULD INFORM GOI THAT SADAT HAS EXPRESSED DESIRE TO STAY ON IN WASHINGTON FOR TWO DAYS FOLLOWING END OF TALKS TO MEET WITH SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, PROMINENT EDITORS AND OTHER JOURNALISTS. IT WOULD BE HELPFUL TO KNOW BEGIN'S OWN PLANS IN THIS REGARD. CHRISTOPHER

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